Spurt in violence in Kashmir Valley

641. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been sudden spurt in violence recently in the Kashmir Valley including frequent ambushes and attacks on the Border Security Force; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The militants have maintained the tempo of their attacks on the security forces. Lately, attacks on security forces have been marked by a high-degree of planning and motivation.

The security forces are actively engaged in intercepting infiltration and ex-filtration and neutralising terrorist gangs and recovering huge quantities of arms and lethal stores.

Legislation for agricultural workers

642. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a central legislation for agricultural workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) The Government is contemplating enactment of a central legislation for Agricultural workers to cover employment, condition of service and other relevant matters. The details are being worked out.

Educated Unemployed

643. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of educated unemployed in the country according to the latest available data of various employment exchanges; and

(b) what measures are proposed to be taken by Government to solve the unemployment problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) According to the latest available information as at the end of June, 1989 there were 182.2 lakhs educated (Matric & above) job-seekers, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in the country.

(b) The Eighth Plan Approach Document proposes employment as the central thrust of the Plan. The proposed strategy emphasis creation of employment opportunities on an increasingly larger scale in the normal process of development. At the same time, it recognises the need for special programmes designed to offer guaranteed work to the needy as an interim measure.

Inclusion of Nepali Languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution

644. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to include Nepali language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the same is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Representations have been received for inclusion of Nepali language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India from various organisations. However, no decision has been taken to include any new language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

Complaint against Group Commander NCC, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

645. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a complaint regarding misconduct and embezzlement against the Group Commander NCC, Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) has been received by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of the complaint;

(c) whether the Non-availability certificates regarding the residential house in Ghaziabad submitted by the above said officer have not been found to be genuine;

(d) whether the officer concerned has been taking re-imbursement of rent while living in his own house;

(e) whether the officer concerned got a new telephone installed in his own house at the expense of the Government;

(f) the ranks and names of the Army officers, working under the command of the above said officer, who are living away from their place of actual posting, as stated in the complaint; and

(g) the remedial steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaint is mainly regarding officers staying away from their duty stations, installation of telephone connection at Group Commanders' residence and lack of discipline in NCC units under NCC Group HQ, Ghaziabad.

(c) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(f) 1. Lt. Col. 1. D. Sharma
2. Lt. Col. Gian Singh.
3. Lt. Col. Dalal.
4. Lt. Col. P. K. Nanda.
5. Major S. P. Kohli.

(g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Military expenditure by Pakistan

646. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan continues to outspend India in Military expenditure proportionate to her population, Gross National Product (GNP) and every other index used to measure such expenditure in relation to capacity;

(b) if so, whether this poses any threat to the security of India; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) It is true that Pakistan continues to out-spend India in military expenditure in proportion to every index normally used to measure such expenditure.

(b) and (c) The high level of military spending in Pakistan is a cause of concern to us. However, all necessary measures are being taken to ensure effective defence preparedness.

One rank-one pension for ex-servicemen

647. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed by Government to go into the demand of the ex-servicemen for 'one rank-one pension' has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon by Government; and